

**Rural
LGBTQIA2A+
Organizing**

**A Presentation by
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Lower Columbia Q Center Factoids

- Established in 2015 as a charitable and educational non profit organization with an elected Board of Directors ---> *Now with Employed Staff + Active Committees!*
- A history of vital connections and community support through partnership and collaborations that include:
 - The Harbor DV/SA
 - The Astoria Armory Community Center
 - Clatsop County Domestic Violence Council
 - Clatsop County College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council
 - Lower Columbia Diversity Coalition
 - HIV Alliance
 - Columbia Memorial Hospital PFAC Council
 - Clatsop County Public Health Department and Financial Support Program Grant
 - City of Astoria Grants
 - Collins Foundation Grant
 - Portland State University Internship
 - Astoria Film Festival
 - Dragulation
 - Astoria Downtown Historic District Association
- Significant community support from generous individual donors and businesses.

Social +Community Events Include:

- Astoria Pride
- Astoria Regatta Grand Land Parade
- Black Friday Red Dress Fundraiser HIV Alliance
- Outdoor + Sporting Events + Teams
 - Softball, bowling, hiking, sailing, kayaking
- Bonfires on the Beach
- Out to Dinner Socials
- Safe Learning Environments Conference at CCC with all local school districts
- Portland Lesbian Choir Fundraising Performance
- Choir
- 2nd Saturday Art Walk
- GSA school support
- Social and Game Night Friday
- Guest Speakers
- Peer Support Groups:
 - Gender Alliance
 - Queer Edge Sobriety
 - The Closet Cleaners Youth Group
 - Rainbow Family Circle
 - Late Bloomers
 - Get OUTside Adventure Club

Connect with us for more info on the Lower Columbia Q Center Facebook page!



The Lower Columbia Q Center

**Resource Center Providing Outreach + Education for the
LGBTQIA+ Community + Allies**

→ **Location**

171 W Bond St. Astoria OR 97301

→ **Phone Number + General Email**

503-468-5155, Info@lcqcastoria.org

→ **Hours**

Office Hours

- ◆ Monday + Wednesday: 3-5p
- ◆ Friday Social Hours 6-8p

→ **Contacts**

- ◆ Jim Summers, Chair of Board
- ◆ Tessa Scheller, Co-Founder + Board Member
- ◆ Ben, Program Coordinator, ben@lcqcastoria.org

New Initiatives Under
Consideration: **Seniors
Support Team; Young
Adults Cohort; Women's
Empowerment Club...**



**Volunteers
Wanted**

Connect with Tessa
or
Ben@lcqcastoria.org
to learn more about
**volunteer
opportunities.**

The Q Center Calendar

Monday: Office Hours 3-5p

Tuesday:

- **Rainbow Family Circle. 1st+3rd; 4-5p*
- *Gender Alliance. 2nd + 4th; 6-7p*

Wednesday: Office Hours 3-5 P

- *Queer Edge Sobriety; 6-7p*

Thursday:

- **Closet Cleaners Youth Group; 4-5:30p*

Friday: Open Social Hours

- *Game Night; 6-8p*

Saturday:

- *2nd Saturday Art Walk; 12-8p*
- **Late Bloomers; 3rd Saturday; 3:30 - 4:30p [Zoom]*

Sunday:

- **Be OUTside Adventure Club; Time/Location TBD*

**Some groups meet off-site. Connect with Ben@lcqcastoria.org to learn more...*